



## News Release

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### **Sioux Falls Veterans Canteen Service - One of VA's Canteens of the Year**

**Sioux Falls, SD** – On August 13, 2015, the Sioux Falls Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) will be recognized as one of VA's 14 Outstanding Canteens of the Year for 2014. The recognition ceremony will take place at 2:00 PM in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium of the medical center at 2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Outstanding Canteen Award recognizes Dept. of Veterans Affairs canteens that exceed customer service expectations, reflect outstanding operating results, and meet or exceed standards for year-end inventory management.

The Sioux Falls VA employees 32 VCS team members. The Canteen Service operates the Patriot Café (restaurant), Patriot Store (retail store), Patriot Brew (Starbucks Coffee Shop), Patriot Direct (Direct Order Kiosk), Patriot Vending (vending machines), and provides all catering for the Sioux Falls VA. VCS is also an integrated meal site; canteen employees also provide all patient food functions within the medical center.

The Sioux Falls Canteen has earned the award three of the last four years – 2011, 2012, and 2014.

We encourage media to attend.